useful to the public cause. I need hardly say that an institution like the Cochin Legislative Council is playing an honourable part in the advancement of the material progress of the people of the Cochin State. I have no doubt that, on this occasion also, we will be able to justify our position as worthy and useful representatives of the people of Cochin. With these words, I now open the session.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of District Judges in short vacancies.

1. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) i. if there has been any instance in Cochin when a District Judge has been appointed for short vacancies of less than 20 days, and

ii. if so, the name of the persons so appointed, and

iii. the special circumstances that necessitated the appointment;

(b) whether there is at present any proposal to create another Additional District Judgeship; and if so, to state the special circumstances for this new creation and to state whether the personnel of the office has been selected already?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) i. Yes, there was one instance.

ii. Mr. U. Kandir Menon.

iii. The Chief Court Judges recommended that a substitute was necessary, and the Government accepted the recommendation.

(b) No proposal at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this the only instance?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—So far as I can see, it is the only instance.

Candidates deputed for Police Training.

2. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state, whether

(a) (1) the candidate deputed for training at Vellur (for Police Commissionership of Cochin) has completed his course; and

(2) is he to undergo practical training as the two Inspectors are now undergoing after their return from Vellur;

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(b) is the present District Magistrate, Mr. P. N. Menon, to be made the Police Commissioner in succession to the present incumbent?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

(a) (1) Yes.

(2) No.

(b) It is not yet time to come to a decision on the point.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"It is not yet time to come to a decision on the point". Was there any definite proposal when Mr. Neelakanta Menon was sent for Vellur training, and if so, what was the proposal?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Is it a supplementary question, Sir?

President.—It appears to be so.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He was sent to Vellur for an eventual appointment as Commissioner of Police.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then, what is the delay in coming to a decision now, when there was a definite proposal?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The term of the present Commissioner has not expired.

The Inspection notes of the Chittur Munsiff's Court.

3. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the remarks of the Inspection Judge on the Chittur Munsiff's Court during the last two quarters along with the Chief Court Registrar's endorsement thereon as well as the Judges'. (Chief Court) remarks thereon?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Munsiffs' Courts are inspected only annually. Hence the impossibility of furnishing the information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer is that Munsiffs' Courts are inspected only annually. What is the report during the last two quarters I have referred to? Was there a report during the last two quarters?

President.—The premises are not correct. You assume certain things which are not correct. There is only an annual inspection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The report during the last two quarters is what I ask for.

President.—The question was understood as referring to two quarterly inspections.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Rather misunderstood (*Laughter*).

President.—Understood, I said—not misunderstood.

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